



Middletown Commission on the Arts – KIDS ARTS 2013

MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Through KIDS ARTS 2013 the Commission continues to demonstrate the City's commitment to the next generation of creators and audiences and to local artists and organizations. KIDS ARTS is your tax dollars at work. KIDS ARTS provides the funding and cooperative administrative support to enable our wonderful artists and arts/culture organizations to share their creative programs and talents with the youth of our City. Beyond KIDS ARTS, City tax dollars provide additional arts support and arts activities including stimulus incentive programs, a public art collection, weekly summer concerts and special events.

MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS – 860.343.6620 x201 – 100 Riverview Center–Suite 140

NORTH END ARTS RISING (NEAR), INC.

NEAR, Inc. is a non-profit arts organization that supports the creative activities and endeavors of artists and potential artists; creating a space for artistic, cultural, creative, and educational experience in Middletown. Program activities include: visual arts exhibits, music performances, poetry readings, storytelling, theater, workshops and classes. In addition to our summer arts programs for children NEAR offer arts events in its facility, **The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts & Cultural Center**, 605 Main Street, Middletown in a season that runs year-round.

NEAR, Inc. 860.347.4957

ODDFELLOWS PLAYHOUSE

Oddfellows Playhouse is a non-profit theater and performing arts program for young people. Playhouse programs are designed to give young people the chance to develop their creative abilities and to learn about commitment, cooperation and responsibility in a non-competitive environment. The Playhouse actively seeks the participation of children from all backgrounds and works to promote multicultural understanding. The Playhouse is located at 128 Washington Street in Middletown. Additional funding for the Children's Circus is provided by the Middlesex United Way.

Oddfellows Playhouse 860.347.6143

KIDS ARTS – BUSSING POLICY/INFORMATION

Pick-up and drop-off for all sessions may be chosen from the following sites: these are the only choices available

- Corner of Green St. & deKoven Drive
- Traverse Square (Church Street)
- Corner of Pine & Church Streets
- Wilcox Apts./Forge Square (Pameacha Avenue)
- Maplewood Terrace (at Walnut Street)
- Bielefield School (Maynard Road)
- Farm Hill School (Ridge Road)
- Woodbury Circle (Summer Hill Road)
- Wesley School (Wesleyan Hills Road)
- Lawrence School
- Snow School (Wadsworth Street)
- Plaza Drive (lower parking lot)
- Corner of Rose Circle & Newfield Street
- Keigwin School (Spruce Street)
- Spencer School
- Moody School (Country Club Road)
- Corner of Town Colony & Westlake Drives
- Highlands Circle (at blacktop)
- Corner of Sawmill and Atkins
- Corner of Brechlin and Atkins

Details regarding times of pick-up and drop-off will be available after registration. Final locations will be determined by your choices. If a location is not requested it will be dropped from the route. Enter the location nearest you on your registration form.



The programs and services of the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts are provided through City tax dollars and contributions from local businesses and private donations. KIDS ARTS 2013 is contingent upon the Common Council's approval of the Commission's 2013-2014 budget request.

The programs listed below are sponsored by the Middletown Commission on the Arts and run by NEAR (North End Arts Rising), Inc. and Oddfellows Playhouse. ***Programs do not meet July 4, 2013.***

FEE STRUCTURE (Full Payment Must Accompany Registration)

- *Households receiving Temporary Aid to Families (TAF), or qualify for free school lunches under State of CT guidelines:** no cost
- *Households receiving reduced price school lunches or food stamps:** \$25/household
- *Reduced Rate for families whose weekly income exceeds, by up to \$192.30, the standards for reduced price school meals (see chart):** \$50 first child; \$25 ea. add'l child
- Standard Rate:** \$125 first child; \$75 second child; \$50 ea. add'l. child
- Non-Resident Rate:** \$250 per child (Registrations not accepted prior to 4/1)

***Verification required with submission of application.** Verify with one of the following documents: copy of your "Free or Reduced Price Meal form" from child's school or a Cash Budget Sheet from CT Dept. of Social Services if you are receiving TAF. For those applying for the Reduced Rate (#3 above) the required verification is a copy of your latest IRS 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040 form.

REDUCED PRICE WEEKLY GROSS INCOME CHART

Household Sz.	Fee Structure Category	
	Reduced Rate #2	Reduced Rate #3
2	\$539	\$731.30
3	\$680	\$872.30
4	\$821	\$1013.30
5	\$961	\$1153.30
6	\$1102	\$1294.30
7	\$1243	\$1435.30
8	\$1384	\$1576.30
ea. add'l.	+\$141	+\$333.30

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS of NEAR, Inc.

Days/Dates: Monday - Friday, July 1 - July 31
Place: Macdonough School
Enrollment: LIMITED TO 15 IN EACH CLASS

MIXED MEDIA FUSION

Times: ~~6-9 yrs. 9 - 11:30 am~~ ~~10-14 yrs. 12:30 - 3 pm~~

Summer is a time for having fun!!! In our Mixed Media class children will have art instruction 3 days a week and will create a newspaper on the other 2 days. Your child should be interested in both these areas to register for this session.

Through hands-on instruction, Mixed Media students will learn about different types of materials and how they can be combined with one another to create beautiful works of art. We will explore specific techniques in painting, weaving, beading, and textile design while working with watercolors and acrylics, colorful yarns, polymer clay, fabric and more to create masks, mandalas, jewelry, and hand printed tapestries. Twice a week they will work on creating a 12 page newspaper by writing their own stories, conducting interviews, learning about community, taking photographs and more.

MELODY IN MOTION

Times: ~~10-14 yrs. 9 - 11:30 am~~ ~~6-9 yrs. 12:30 - 3 pm~~

This session is comprised of music class 2 days each week and dance class 3 days a week. Your child must be willing to move/dance and sing, as participation is expected in both classes.

Teaching the music basics, family music superstars LaLa & KLJ will use original music and universal lyrics to help your children create their own songs. This class uses a "team" approach in creativity - imparting the knowledge & confidence for live performance by working together with their classmates. This fun and interactive environment allows the participants to create comfortably with the full support of LaLa & KLJ, as well as their fellow classmates. Dance class is modern, hip-hop style with free movements and original dance encouraged.

CHILDREN'S CIRCUS - 25th Year! (ages 8 - 14)

Days/Dates: Mon - Fri, July 1 - Aug. 2

Performance: Friday, Aug. 2, 5 p.m.

(raindate: Sat., Aug. 3, noon)

Time: 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m.

Place: Macdonough School

Circus Director: Jason Leinwand

Enrollment Limit: 90 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION

Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater presents the 25th Children's Circus of Middletown. This 5-week, half-day program, which has become a national model, culminates in a spectacular outdoor circus performance before a crowd of over 1,000.

Week one: training in acrobatics, dance, juggling, unicycling, stilt walking, clowning and visual arts.

Weeks two & three: choose two areas of specialization from the above disciplines, train daily in these areas and perform at the end of each week.

Weeks four & five: each participant will be cast into a featured role in a circus act. Create and rehearse acts in preparation for dress rehearsals and performance.

Limited space is available in the Full-Day Advanced Circus Program for returning circus performers ages 12-15. For more information on this aspect of the program call the Playhouse at 860.347.6143



NOTE: The Kids Arts programs are open to everyone. They do **require a full five (5) week commitment of time and energy.** Skills are gained and refined from Day One. Relationships are based on consistent attendance. Rehearsals, specialization sharing and preparations for the final extravaganza depend on your child being there consistently or they just won't work.

Maximum absences: 3 days. Please do not sign up if your child will be missing more than 3 days.

Registration for all programs is on a 1st come, 1st served basis. There is limited availability for full-day programming (**full-day Circus not allowed**). **For the full-day option, parents/guardians should provide lunches for their child(ren).**



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Mail registration & check payable to: City of Middletown-Kids Arts, 100 Riverview Ctr-Suite 140, Middletown, CT 06457

- FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM.** *NON-RESIDENTS - Applications accepted beginning APRIL 1.*
- Complete all information requested. (*Incomplete registration forms will be returned through the mail with child unregistered.*)
- Use a separate form for each participant in household. Multiple forms may be mailed in one envelope.
(**Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE REQUIRED on each form.**)
- REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION** - One proof of residency must be provided with completed registration form: copy of driver's license, real estate tax bill, or utility bill with name and address - *PO Box addresses not accepted.*
- If this is a first-time registration for a child, a copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided.**
- Allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for a confirmation via email or phone. (*the office no longer mails confirmation forms*)
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUALIFICATION (See FEE STRUCTURE, pg. KA2), check one & attach required documentation:**
 - ☐ Reduced Rate 1: Temporary Aid to Families (TAF) CT Dept. of Social Services (DSS) Cash Budget Sheet and/or Free Lunch form from school
 - ☐ Reduced Rate 2: DSS Food Stamp Budget Sheet and/or Reduced Lunch form from school or 1040 IRS tax form (2012)
 - ☐ Reduced Rate 3: 1040 IRS tax form (2012)

CHILD:

Name: _____
First MI Last

DOB: ____/____/____ Grade: ____ Age: ____ Sex: ____

Street Address: _____

City/Town _____ Zip _____

New Address? ____ Home Phone: _____

List any health concerns: (medications, allergies, bee stings, seizures, diagnosed disability, etc.)

Physician: _____ Ph: _____

Does child wear: glasses ____ hearing aid ____ retainer: ____

School last attended: _____

Teacher: _____

1st/Last Names of siblings registered in Kids Arts:

Parent/Legal Guardian (1st contact): (Signature required on back of form)

Name: _____
First MI Last

Relationship: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____
Home or Cell Work

Email: _____

(Strongly recommended for best communication)

Parent/Legal Guardian (2nd contact):

Name: _____
First MI Last

Relationship: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____
Home or Cell Work

Email: _____

3rd contact:

Name: _____
First MI Last

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____
Home or Cell Work

Email: _____

Registration is not complete! Please turn page and complete the information on the back of this page.

Check the following program(s) in which you would like to enroll your child:

PROGRAM	TIME	DATES	AGE	Fee Structure-Standard** (circle one) 1st/2nd/3rd child
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Media Fusion	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 1 - July 31	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Melody In Motion	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 1 - July 31	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Circus*	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 1 - Aug 2	8 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Media Fusion	12:30 - 3:00 pm	July 1 - July 31	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Melody In Motion	12:30 - 3:00 pm	July 1 - July 31	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Circus*	12:30 - 3:00 pm	July 1 - Aug 2	8 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50

*Circus program is half-day only, choose a.m. or p.m. for your child.

**see fee structure on pg. KA2 for more info.

◆ GETTING TO/FROM ABOVE LISTED PROGRAM(S) ◆

Will your child take the bus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pick-up/Drop-off location: _____

Choose from the available listed sites on page KA1.

Will your child walk to/from the program from/to home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Walking alone or with someone? ☐ Alone ☐ With (name): _____

Will your child be dropped off/picked up by car? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, who will drop off/pick up your child? (Name): _____

◆ FEE INFORMATION ◆

See page KA2 for fee structure.
(non-residents \$250.00 per child -
applications accepted on/after 4/1)

◆ DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES ◆

Parent/legal guardian signature below signifies acknowledgement
of policy based on "three strike" rules and the Middletown Public
Schools Parent & Student Handbook.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED, AFTER READING THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS

MEDICAL RELEASE/PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM/FIELD TRIP PERMISSION: I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the KIDS ARTS program(s). I understand and agree that these programs can be physically demanding but I feel my child has the physical ability needed to participate. In the event of an emergency and the parent/guardian/third contact person cannot be reached, I hereby give permission for my child to be transported to the Middlesex Hospital or any nearby medical facility. It is hereby understood and agreed that I shall assume full financial responsibility for any costs over and above that which is not covered by my health insurance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Middletown, NEAR, Inc., Oddfellows Playhouse, and its employees from any injuries or damages caused by or resulting from participation in this program. A photostatic copy of this waiver form with my signature shall be considered as valid as the original. Additionally, the KIDS ARTS programs have my permission to take my child on any field trips that are planned for these programs.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY: I agree to accept the disciplinary procedures and policies of the KIDS ARTS programs and abide by the decision(s) of their administrators.

BUSSING POLICY/INFORMATION: I have read and acknowledge the KIDS ARTS bussing policy/information on page KA1.

EXTENDED ABSENCE POLICY: I understand that my child is making a 5 week commitment to the KIDS ARTS programs and attendance each week is necessary to the success of the programs.

My child is scheduled to miss three or more days during the program weeks of KIDS ARTS: ☐ No ☐ Yes: Dates: _____

I understand that by checking "Yes", my child will be waitlisted and may not be admitted to the program(s).

ADDITIONAL POLICIES: I also give permission for my child's photograph or video image to be used for program and/or organization promotional purposes. I understand no refunds will be given after June 1, 2013 or for circumstances beyond the control of KIDS ARTS (e.g., weather, equipment failure, etc.).

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian

This program is part of KIDS ARTS 2013 with funding and administrative support provided through the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. Each presenter is responsible for all aspects of their program and matters concerning this program may be directed to:
Oddfellows Playhouse at 860-347-6143 or NEAR, Inc. at 860-347-4957.

Office use only: Date processed _____ Staff initials _____ Amt. rcvd. _____ ck# _____